

Furukawa Robert

From: Patty Finsterbusch <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 9:52 AM
To: Furukawa Robert
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico.

This is in response to your request for the serial numbers for the four (4) extra-large size immersion suits that were ordered and delivered to the El Faro prior to the accident. We have previously identified the manufacturer.

TOTE is not able to provide the actual serial numbers for those specific suits. The serial numbers would have been maintained in records onboard the El Faro, and those records were lost with the vessel.

It is our practice to have such suits delivered directly to the vessel. Once the immersion suits were received onboard the El Faro, the crew would have logged the serial numbers for those suits into the vessel-specific spreadsheet used to track such information for inspections and other purposes. That spreadsheet would have been aboard the vessel. Copies are not maintained ashore.

Lastly, we have confirmed that the vendor does not keep track of the serial numbers on the survival suits when they sell them. So that avenue is not available to us, either.

Regards,
Patty

From: Furukawa Robert [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Patty Finsterbusch
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico.

Ok, sounds like 4 Kent adult oversized immersion suits is the best we can do.

Is that good enough for TOTE?

Cheers,
Jon

From: Patty Finsterbusch [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Furukawa Robert <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico.

The invoice says Kent

From: Furukawa Robert [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 12:55 PM
To: Patty Finsterbusch
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico.

Do they track the manufacturer?

From: Patty Finsterbusch [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Furukawa Robert <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferafts of Puerto Rico.

We asked the vendor they don't keep track of the serial numbers on the units the sell.

Patty

From: Furukawa Robert [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Wednesday, February 01, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Patty Finsterbusch
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferafts of Puerto Rico.

Patty,

PURCHASE ORDER: EFD150219
Attn: Lisa Gee

Best regards,

R. Jon Furukawa

Investigator + NTSB-OMS + o: [REDACTED] + [REDACTED]

From: Patty Finsterbusch [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Furukawa Robert <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferafts of Puerto Rico.

Hi Jon,

I have item 1 already – may need a little time to get item 2.

Do you have an ID# for these requests – so we can track them?

Patty

From: Furukawa Robert [[mailto:\[REDACTED\]](mailto:[REDACTED])]
Sent: Monday, January 30, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Patty Finsterbusch
Subject: FW: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferafts of Puerto Rico.
Importance: High

Patty,
Did you get this last week?
Cheers,

Jon

Best regards,

R. Jon Furukawa

Investigator + NTSB-OMS + o: [REDACTED] + [REDACTED]

From: Furukawa Robert

Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:45 PM

To: Patty Finsterbusch (p [REDACTED]) <p [REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Subject: El Faro: Immersion Suit Information from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico.

Importance: High

Patty,

I'm trying to tie up some loose ends. Please request from Liferrafts of Puerto Rico and forward to me as an attachment:

- 1 The El Faro immersion suits hydro test results on or about 08-Aug-2015, including the serial numbers/model/manufacture of the 5 immersion suits that failed,
- 2 The serial numbers/model/manufacture of the 4 extra large immersion suits that were ordered/delivered to the El Faro (Kevin Stith's initial interview).

Contact information from the purchase orders are:

Liferrafts of Puerto Rico

PO Box 9022081

San Juan, PR 000902-2081

Phone: [REDACTED]

Cell: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Best regards,

R. Jon Furukawa

Investigator + NTSB-OMS + o: [REDACTED] + [REDACTED]

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